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DOE REETING

MONDAY 3 MAY 1982 AT 1000

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COMMENT

1. Item One - Intelligence. INTSUM 's/will be at FLAG B. (General). Brazil confirmed sale of 2/3 Bandeirante MF aircraft to the Argentine. (Naval). BAHIA PARAISO and SOMELLERA at position 5140S 6530W early 2 May. PARAISO and IRIZAR had been ordered to burn crypts. TG 73.4 further orders to attack HERMES Group at 020400Z, with recon and attack support from 25 de Mayo aircraft. However, TG 73.4 reported 020545Z wind conditions unsuitable for flight ops and she was moving away. At 041648Z Commander TF 73 on 25 de Mayo ordered to proceed to Area Romeo with land based air cover. Patrol craft GURRUCHAGA ordered to RV with PUERTO ROSALES to transfer food and to later deploy to awaiting position West of Area Victor from 031400Z. Argentine INTSUM indicates poor knowledge of British positions. (Ground). Move of 3 Inf Bde to West Falklands suspended due to air transport problem. Argentine report of action on 1 May admits to own goal of Miraz 3 and gives casualty figures of 10 dead and 25 wounded. (Air). Port Stanley runway reduced to 15 meters width in centre with apron and tower damage, and barracks destroyed. Minor damage to runway at Darwin. One Pucara destroyed at Darwin, 1 destroyed and 2 damaged at Stanley.

3. Item Two - Own Forces. Tote 's at FLAG C. (TG 517.8). Surface search for Aircraft Carrier conducted 2 May but not sighted. BRILLIANT and YARMOUTH, supported by 3 SEA KING, prosecuted last known position of Argentinian submarine SAN LUIS. Firm MAD and SONAR contact at 041500. Attacked with torpedoes, Depth Charges

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DOE READING
MONDAY 1 MAY 1955 AT 1000

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following are enclosed:

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COMMENT

1. Item One - Intelligence. INTSUM 03/ will be at FLAG B. (General). Brazil confirmed sale of 1/2 Bandeirante MF aircraft to the Argentine. (Naval). BAHIA PARAISO and SOMELLERA at position 5140S 6530W early 2 May. PARAISO and IRIZAR had been ordered to burn crypts. TG 73.4 further orders to attack HERMES Group at 020400Z, with recon and attack support from 25 de Mayo aircraft. However, TG 73.4 reported 020545Z wing conditions unsuitable for flight ops and she was moving away. At 041842Z Commander TF 73 on 25 de Mayo ordered to proceed to Area Romeo with land based air cover. Patrol craft GURRUCHAGA ordered to RV with PUERTO ROSALES to transfer food and to later deploy to awaiting position West of Area Victor from 031400Z. Argentine INTSUM indicates poor knowledge of British positions. (Ground). Move of 3 Inf Bde to West Falklands suspended due to air transport problem. Argentine report of action on 1 May admits to own goal of Hiram 3 and gives casualty figures of 10 dead and 25 wounded. (Air). Port Stanley runway reduced to 15 meters width in centre with apron and tower damage, and hangars destroyed. Minor damage to runway at Darwin. One Pucara destroyed at Darwin, 2 destroyed and 7 damaged at Stanley.

3. Item Two - Own Forces. Tote is at FLAG C. (TG 512.8). Surface search for Aircraft Carrier conducted 2 May but not sighted. BRILLIANT and YAMMOUTH supported by 3 SEA KING prosecuted last known position of Argentinian submarine SAN LUIS. Firm MAD and SONAR contact at 01400. Attacked with torpedoes, Depth Charges

and mortar. No results observed. ASW Group rejoined main group overnight 1/2 May. CONQUEROR hit BELGRANO with two torpedoes (MK8) and took evasive action. (Attack Result). 3 x 1000lb retard bombs laid down by one SHAR during suppression attack all hit runway centre line causing damage over 150M in area of Vulcan hit. (5 Inf Bde). OD(SA) yesterday authorised reinforcements 5 Inf Bde (slimline orbit) with supporting elements and 7 HARRIERS GR3. QE2 is to be requisitioned on 4 May and two ferries (BALTIC FERRY and NORDIC FERRY) were earmarked on 2 May. No publicity is to be given to these decisions until a Ministerial statement on 4 May. In support of 5 Inf Bde, two Naval Air Squadrons are to be formed: 825 Sqn at CULDROSE with 10 SEA KING MK2 in Cdo Support role; 847 Sqn AT YEOVILTON with 16 WESSEX 5 in Cdo support role. Both are to be ready to embark on 12 May on ATLANTIC CAUSEWAY. (S GEORGIA). ANTRIM/TIDESPRING sailed yesterday, ETA ASI 11 May with embarked BAS/Prisoners. (TG 317.0 (Amphibious Group)). HMS ANTELOPE with 5 LSLs and 1 Tanker now 700 miles SW ASI FEARLESS/INTREPID due to sail 7 May. (INTREPID, NORLAND, EUROPIC FERRY and ATLANTIC CONVEYOR ETA ASI 5/6 May). (Air). 2 Sea Harriers supported by VICTOR tankers deployed from BANJUL to ASI bringing the total number of SEA HARRIERS at ASI to 8. Victors flew in support of HERCULES and NIMROD Air to Air Refuelling trials in the UK. 1 NIMROD SAR sortie flown in support of the deploying HARRIERS, and one surface surveillance sortie in support of the LSL group SW of ASI.

4. Item 3 - PR. Media has suggested there may have been more attacks overnight 1/2 May than reported. Also, publicity given to "Peruvian Peace Plan".

5. Item 4 - Actions and Decisions Required. Nothing required today.

6. Item 5 - Unforeseen Matters. Arrangements for tomorrow: OD(SA) 0900, Cabinet 1000 and COS 1130.

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